

**APPENDIX A-25**

**Appreciation for Discharger Compliance**

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
CENTRAL COAST REGION**

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**RESOLUTION NO. 93-04**

**APPRECIATION FOR DISCHARGER COMPLIANCE**

**WHEREAS, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region, regulates discharges to surface and ground waters in the region through implementation of increasingly complex laws and regulations; and**

**WHEREAS, the dischargers in the region have increasing responsibilities and costs due to greater complexity of environmental regulatory compliance; and**

**WHEREAS, in spite of these problems, the vast majority of regulated dischargers do an excellent job of protecting water quality and complying with regulations; and**

**WHEREAS, prevention of pollution is much more cost effective and protects resources more effectively than cleanup; and**

**WHEREAS, Cal/EPA has stated goals which include regulatory streamlining as well as building and maintaining the capability to achieve environmental protection, given fiscal constraints.**

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the region's regulated dischargers are commended for their excellent overall compliance record and continued efforts to protect water quality and public health in the face of economic difficulties.**

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Regional Board will continue its endeavor to achieve the Board's mission of water quality protection and improvement, at the most cost effective manner to society, via the following:**

1. The Board will maintain a significant level of field surveillance with a primary goal of early detection of threats to water quality and needed corrective actions, in addition to verification of on-going compliance with requirements.

2. The Board will require dischargers to do what is necessary for water quality protection and regulatory compliance, without asking for more than what is needed to do the job. Where applicable, general permits or waivers of requirements will be used.
3. In situations where staff is asking for discharger actions that go beyond regulatory minima (e.g., areas of regulatory ambiguity relying more on professional judgement, or where resources require protection beyond bare regulatory minima) the Board's staff will provide justification for its requests.
4. Staff will request technical and monitoring reports to the extent that they are required by the situation and will ensure that the burden, including costs, of these reports shall bear a reasonable relationship to the need for the report and the benefits to be obtained from the reports.
5. Staff will try to consolidate requests and encourage dischargers to consolidate reports or cross reference reports to accomplish reporting in the most cost effective manner. Time schedules may be adjusted to accommodate this goal so long as water quality or public health protection are not compromised.

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State Water Resources Control Board is asked to consider the above listed principles in its communications with the Regional Board and dischargers.**

**I, WILLIAM R. LEONARD, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region, on May 14, 1993.**

  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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